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SERVING THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER SINCE 1883

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

*"Are we being environmentally sensitive when we construct buildings and plan building?
And I think the answer is 'Yes.'"*

— Vice President for Finance and Business Bob Walton

Wooster this Week

ON CAMPUS



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NCAC orders sportsmanship

Due to recent problems with fan conduct, the NCAC has decided to implement a statement of sportsmanship that will be read prior to games.

Laura McHugh
Chief Staff Writer

College officials hope that fans will be on their best behavior this weekend when Wooster hosts the Men's Basketball tournament of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC). The concern stems from a growing pattern of fan misbehavior exemplified by an incident at the Wooster vs. Wittenberg Men's Basketball game held at Wittenberg on Feb. 4.

On Feb. 9, a letter was sent to Wooster's Dean of Students Kurt Holmes from Wittenberg University's Student Senate apologizing for "some of the disparaging remarks made by our student section towards Wooster during Saturday's [Feb. 4] game."

Similar letters were sent from Wittenberg Provost Dr. Kenneth W. Bladh and Garnett Purnell, Wittenberg Director of Athletics and Recreation. The "disparaging remarks" that the Student Senate referred to were the words "Fuck Wooster!" To this the Wooster student fans replied "Shit on Witt!"

The Wooster/Wittenberg rivalry is one of the most heated in Division III. "During such an intense match-up, emotions tend to run high and sometimes override good judgment," said Wittenberg's Student Senate in their letter of apology.

Wooster Athletic Director Keith Beckett and Holmes both said that due to the amount of noise in the gym, neither of them noticed the disparaging remarks.

"I didn't feel offended for what happened at the Witt game," said Holmes, "even after I found out what was said."

Holmes said he enjoys the edginess



and excitement of Wooster games but is concerned with students chanting vulgarities because of the number of children and senior citizens who also attend these events. "Bottom line, Wooster students can do better," he said.

Holmes prefers activity that is funny but not vulgar; for example, the entire Wooster student section turning their backs on the Wittenberg team as they come on the floor.

"Fan behavior is under a microscope because of the Fan Summit," said Beckett.

In November, Denison University hosted an NCAC Fan Behavior Summit.

Directors of Athletics, Deans/Vice President, of Student Affairs, Chiefs of Campus Security and selected faculty representatives from the 10 schools in the conference met to discuss the rise in bad fan behavior and effective plans for appropriately managing this behavior at future NCAC events.

"We have observed this rise in bad behavior over the last four years and the sports involved primarily are Men's Soccer, Men's Lacrosse, and

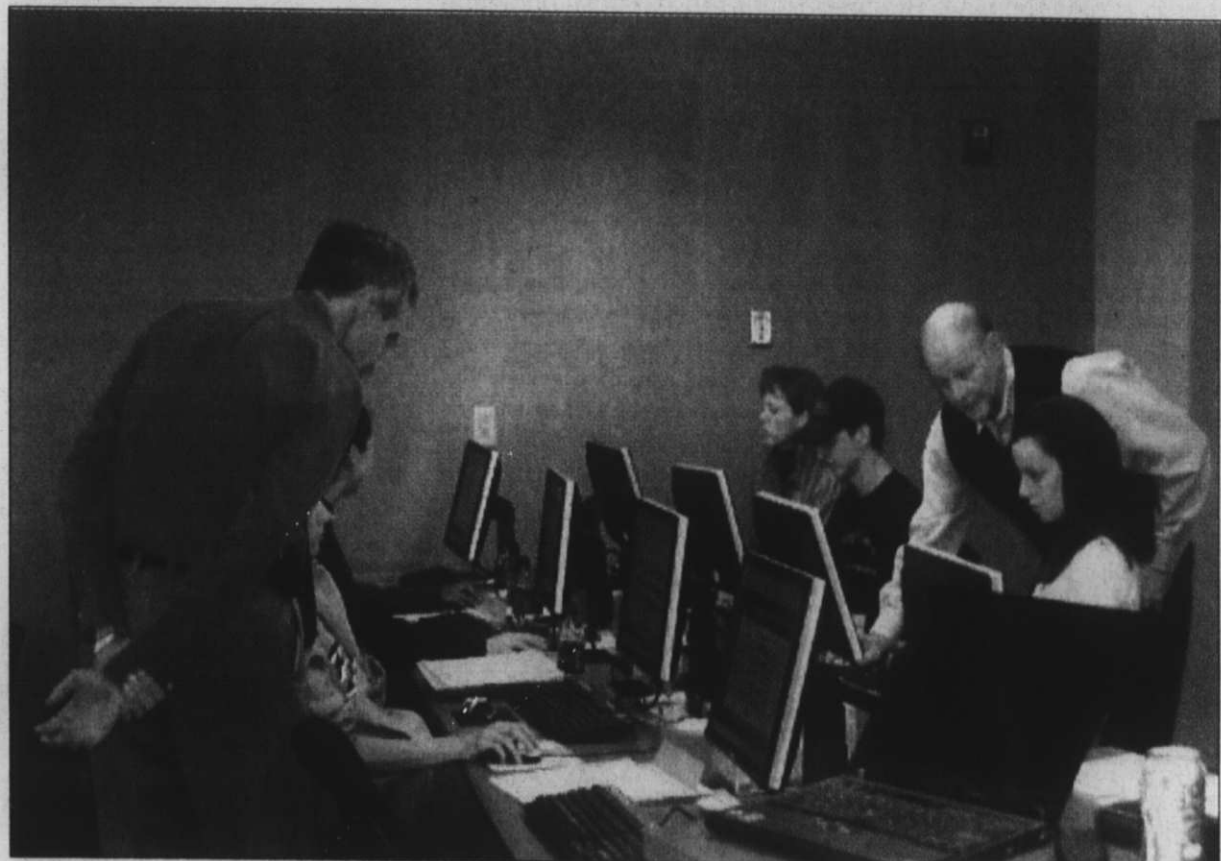
Men's Basketball," said Dennis Collins, Executive Director of the NCAC.

In particular, the Summit discussed a serious incident at a Denison vs. Ohio Wesleyan lacrosse game where an intoxicated student fan and 20 others jumped the stadium wall after a game and punched an opponent player.

Although there have not been any physical altercations at Wooster athletic events, Holmes said that in that kind of excited environment, "things can escalate quickly."

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Registrar runs online simulation



Registrar Bob Blair (standing right) offers students help during the live registration simulation held Tuesday in Gault Family Learning Center. The goal of the test was to pinpoint programming errors and get student feedback (Photo by Sara Taggart).

Sara Taggart
News Editor

With the College's formal decision to adopt online registration, what remains is putting it into action. On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Registrar held the first of two live simulation sessions of the current phase of online registration for a select number of students.

This phase shows and processes only student course searches and registrations, and will be used for the upcoming fall registration.

Phase two is slated to be ready for spring 2007 registration, and will include online viewing options of transcripts, grades, and degree audits, as well as the electronic submission of advising signatures.

Organized mainly by Systems Support Specialist and Assistant to Registrar Natalie Richardson, the

session was held with the goal of letting students become familiar with the current program and to work out kinks in the software. Students were given certain courses for which to register and a time within which to do so. Various errors were planned to occur, such as trying to schedule two courses with a time overlap, having unpaid deposit fees, trying to register past the allotted time, trying to enter a course for which he or she didn't have a prerequisite, etc.

In several cases, error messages popped up on the screen, explaining to the user that there was a conflict. However, the test software allowed students to drop all courses, schedule conflicting classes, and trick the system into allowing them to enter a course without a prerequisite, all without error messages.

These are some of problems that will need to be resolved in future rewriting, explained NGS Project

Manager Monica Crawford. If these situations occur when spring registration comes around, students should receive the appropriate error messages.

Several members of the Office of the Registrar who were familiar with the program were on hand to answer questions, take suggestions and work out student concerns.

Registrar Robert Blair said they are trying to keep the presence of the "personal touch."

He said, "We'll have a registration assistance room, we'll have a hotline, we'll have help of various kinds."

Aside from these delays, most students gave approval for the process, though some admitted to having voted for arena to continue.

Kristin Welk '06, an original supporter of arena registration, said, "I was really expecting it to be a lot

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ETS issues one-year GRE delay

Emily Alward
Voice Staff Writer

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has announced the delay of the new Graduate Record Examinations General Test, generally referred to as the GRE. This revised test was originally scheduled to debut in October 2006. The new GRE will not be in effect until the fall of 2007, according to the ETS.

ETS has not released any statements explaining their decision to delay the release of the exam. However, the announcement has been made in light of much skepticism about the new test. The Princeton Review feels that "the changes are financially motivated. The current GRE is expensive to develop and deliver and we believe ETS only makes changes when their pocketbook is affected."

David Payne, spokesperson for ETS, provided an explanation for the changes to the exam. Payne said, "[The changes] are in response to feedback we've gotten from [graduate] schools across the country ... to create assessments that will be closer analogs to the types of skills that students need in graduate school. Secondly, they are to make the tests less susceptible to coaching and memorization effects."

An ETS press release stated that the GRE Board at ETS believes that the postponement of the new test will ease the transition for both students taking the exam as well as graduate schools.

Approximately half-a-million students take the GRE each year with dreams of graduate school. However, ETS claims that the reason for the change in this 55-year-old exam was

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NEWS BRIEFS

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*Wooster clicks away
to fight poverty*

The fifth annual Oxfam American Collegiate Click Drive is currently underway. This program generates loans for underprivileged people around the world.

For each click, affiliated microcredit charities will donate \$0.25 to the fund. Participants can click twice a day.

Last year the College's participation raised \$2,530.75 in clicks, the second highest total in the contest. Overall the drive raised \$21,000 in microcredit loans for tsunami victims.

The Collegiate Click Drive runs until March 31.

To participate, go to www.poverty-fighters.com and look for the Collegiate Click Drive announcement. Select the College of Wooster from the drop-down menu.

NATION

*Bush pledges to veto
Congress bills to
ensure seaport sales*

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush did not know about the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a business run by the United Arab Emirates until after his administration had approved it, according to a statement from the White House issued Wednesday.

The administration defended the deal, but conceded that it should have briefed Congress sooner. The deal has triggered a major political backlash among both Republicans and Democrats.

Bush pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the sale of a British company to an Arab firm on Tuesday, brushing aside House and Senate leaders who objected that the agreement could raise the risks of terrorism at American ports.

Edward H. Bilkey, America's chief operating officer at the Dubai Port, said the company will do whatever the administration asks to enhance security and ensure the sale is finalized. At least two Senate oversight hearings have already been scheduled.

WORLD

*Turin, Italy Winter
Olympics continue*

TURIN, Italy (AP) — The Winter Olympic Games have been underway in Turin, Italy.

The U.S. women's hockey team took the bronze medal, besting Finland 4-0. The gold went to the Canadian ladies, while the Swedish team captured the silver.

The U.S. men's hockey team fell to Finland in a 4-3 loss that took them out of medal contention.

The U.S. had a strong showing in the men's 1,500-meter speedskating with Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick capturing the silver and bronze respectively. Italian Enrico Fabris won the gold, notably becoming the first non-U.S. male skater to win an individual race.

In women's bobsled, the U.S. duo of Shauna Rohbock and Valerie Fleming won the silver medal, coming in just .71 seconds behind Germany's Sandra Kiriasis and Anja Schneiderheinze. Italy's Gerde Weissensteiner and Jennifer Isacco rounded out the top three.

Russia, which has taken the gold in both the pairs and men's figure skating events, continued its dominance with Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov's gold-winning performance in ice dancing. The U.S. team of Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto captured the silver medal. In addition to being the first U.S. figure skating medal in Turin it was also the first U.S. medal in ice dancing since 1976. Elena Grushina and Ruslan Goncharov of Ukraine took home the bronze medal.

— Compiled by Lizzy Druga

CORRECTIONS

The *Voice* would like to apologize to our readers for the printing delay that occurred last week, resulting in a Tuesday printing.

Though we at the *Voice* strive for perfection, we sometimes fall short. Please send all corrections to voice@wooster.edu.

Registrar promises to fix test-run program errors
Simulation

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worse," she said, "because I really loved arena registration. [But] I think it'll work out well." As there is no remaining choice, students will have to deal with online registration to the best of their abilities.

"I think there's some kinks that definitely need to be worked out, like the pre-req, like being able to drop all your classes at once," said Stephanie Linich '08.

Linich had worked with Blair earlier on the program, but though familiar with how to use it, had not had any chance to actually work with the program until Tuesday's simulation. "I liked arena a lot, so it's unfortunate that we had to go to online registration," she said. "However, I do understand that it is beneficial."

One of those benefits is that students will have much longer than 10 minutes to make decisions, so underclassmen can use that time to peruse alternate courses.

Also, online registration will allow students to identify cross-listed courses. For example, a film major looking for a class can look up courses online without having to go to several tables looking for it, as in arena registration.

One policy change for this semester is the replacement of the normal registration

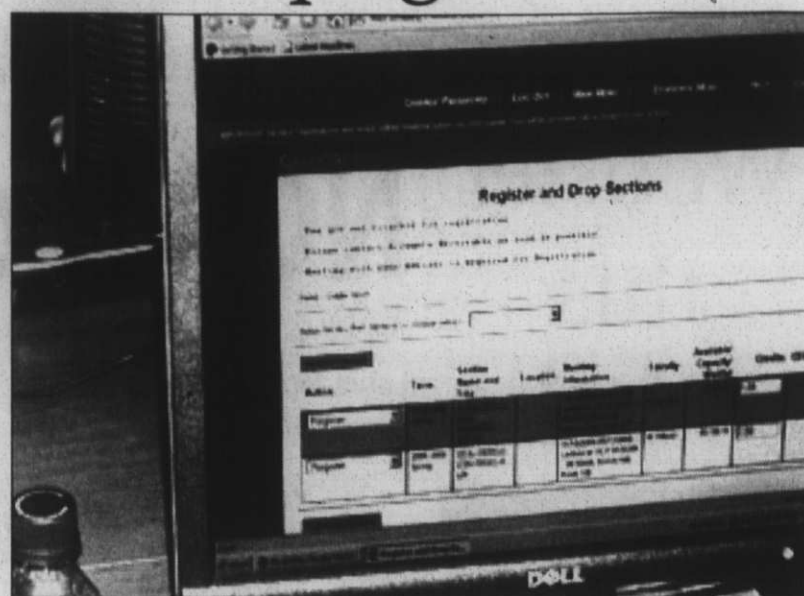
draw number process, tumbling for equity within class year, with a random draw. Unfortunately, explained Blair, this has to occur for the first use of the program, but tumbling will return thereafter. If some students find that this spring they are again last in line, Blair said the registrar could look that information up in the old system and, if necessary, move the student to a higher group within their class year.

Blair said that the registrar and the programming team will try to alleviate student concerns they heard on Tuesday, but may not be able to satisfy all of the suggestions. He said, "The things that we can change, we'll change. The rest... we're going to have to make it clear in the instructions to look for those things."

Though mandatory advising sessions are still in place, students are also no longer responsible for getting a signature or sticker from their advisor. Under phase one, advisors call or e-mail their approvals to the Registrar, and the Registrar enters that information online prior to registration.

When phase two is in place, advisors will have that responsibility. This new policy is to prevent "cheating," as online registration will absolutely not allow a student to register without advisor permission.

Some other policy changes include



When students attempt to perform illegal operations, an error message explaining the problem will pop up on the screen, referring students to the registrar (Photo by Sara Taggart).

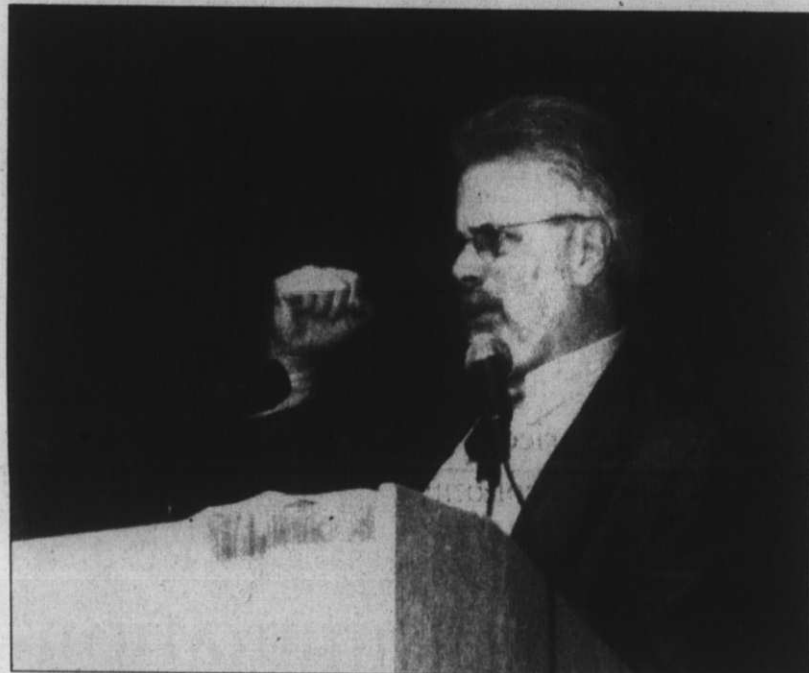
a split time for advising sessions, with upperclassmen having one week, then underclassmen having another. Per faculty and department requests, faculty will now have the option to control the number of course spots available for each class year, closing out courses for some years and keeping spots open for others.

Also, open registration will continue into mid-June, giving students more time to make course decisions. Blair said that the new policies and online registration are part of efforts to mirror those aspects of arena registration that students liked.

"I think there's no way to keep aspects of arena that students liked," said Linich, "but I know they worked really hard on it... and I think that once we get used to it, students will be more accepting."

Another live simulation will be held in the future to ensure that the glitches have been worked out.

The Registrar's ultimate goals, said Blair, are to have students and faculty well prepared for registration, and for it to run smoothly in April.

Lecture suggests democratic future for China

Oberlin professor Marc Blecher discussed the possibility that China will democratize (Photo by Mac Buehler).

Laura McHugh
Chief Staff Writer

On Tuesday night in Scheide's Gault Recital Hall, Oberlin College Professor Marc Blecher spoke for the fifth Great Decisions Lecture. His talk, titled "Will China Democratize — and Should It?" focused on the problems China faces today and whether they will result in a regime change.

The standard definition of democracy is rule by the people and emphasizes

the rights of the individual. "China won't become a standard democracy," said Blecher. For Blecher, democratization in China means government will become transparent and accountable for its actions. He states that in the past, the Chinese government has just taken power, but now the government wants to feel accountable and "earn the right to maintain their political monopoly."

On the question of China's democratization Blecher said, "For those of you who want to go home early," said Blecher, "I'll give you the short answer:

Not anytime soon." He said that China's economy is doing very well. "According to many economists, the long term prospects for Chinese economy are very bright... Administratively, the country is becoming normalized."

Blecher felt that corruption in the government is declining and rule of law is beginning to take hold. These are all signs that the ruling party, the Chinese Communist Party, holds firm control of the country.

While Blecher was optimistic about China's prospects at the moment, he said that the country also faces some massive problems. When it comes to income distribution, "China is one of the most unequal countries in Asia, only surpassed by Malaysia and the Philippines." While he said government corruption is declining, it is still a problem.

There is also massive unemployment and subsequent riots and protests by the working class, urbanites, and farmers. Strikes occur so often that Blecher described it as an endemic problem. Demonstrations by students can also be a problem. Blecher has done extensive research on the 1989 Tiananmen Square incident and believes students are capable of inciting dangerous political reactions.

He also named Taiwan as a possible problem for China. "If Taiwan declares formal independence, or so much as writes it on a piece of paper,

war could break out." China is a nuclear power. Declaring war on Taiwan would declare war on the United States, also a nuclear power. Blecher believes war would also plunge China's economy and political system into crisis.

Blecher discussed the possibility that China, facing all of these problems, might "crack under the pressure" and the ruling Chinese Communist Party might lose control. Blecher believed China's form of government is "state socialism," rather than "communism." He believed that China's state socialism movement has staying power for the future because, when first started, it was a nationalist movement instead of a state subjugation movement, like in the Soviet Union.

"China has always been a nationalist regime," said Blecher. "Nationality will not divide China like it did in the Soviet Union."

Blecher also thought "the history of Chinese state socialism has impressed upon many Chinese the profound dangers of political disorder," to the point that "farmers and workers treasure political stability over political liberalization.... The people are grateful for stability," said Blecher.

There is also a fear that if the state collapses, China will regress back into a warlord system of government similar to what they had up until the early twentieth century.

According to Blecher, all Chinese fear regressing to a warlord state, both the old who lived through it and the young who have studied their country's history, and "young Chinese study more history than Americans do," said Blecher.

While there are "forces pulling China in both directions" Blecher also believes that the most probable scenario for China's future is "where the state continues to muddle through."

"There is a consensus among ordinary Chinese that the government, however problematic, is preferable to conceivable alternatives," said Blecher. "It is probably the best government China could have now based on the alternatives."

While Blecher said he couldn't see China democratizing any time soon, he also warned the audience to expect the unexpected. The West has been wrong repeatedly when trying to make predictions about China in the past. If you missed Blecher's lecture, it will be broadcast at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning on the College's radio station WCWS.

The final Great Decisions lecture will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28. David Hendrickson, a professor of political science at Colorado College will present "Will America Decline?"

REMEMBER:

If you wish to study off campus at ANY time during the 2006-07 academic year, you must turn in your IPO application by March 1 to the International Programs Office in 107 Babcock. There will be no October 1 deadline in the fall for spring semester study.

*Princeton Review skeptical of ETS
GRE*

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for security purposes and to provide a more valid test to measure students' readiness for graduate school.

This revised version of the GRE will have several changes. It will be four hours long, twice as long as it is currently. Antonyms and analogies will be omitted from the verbal section of the test and replaced by more critical analysis and verbal reasoning.

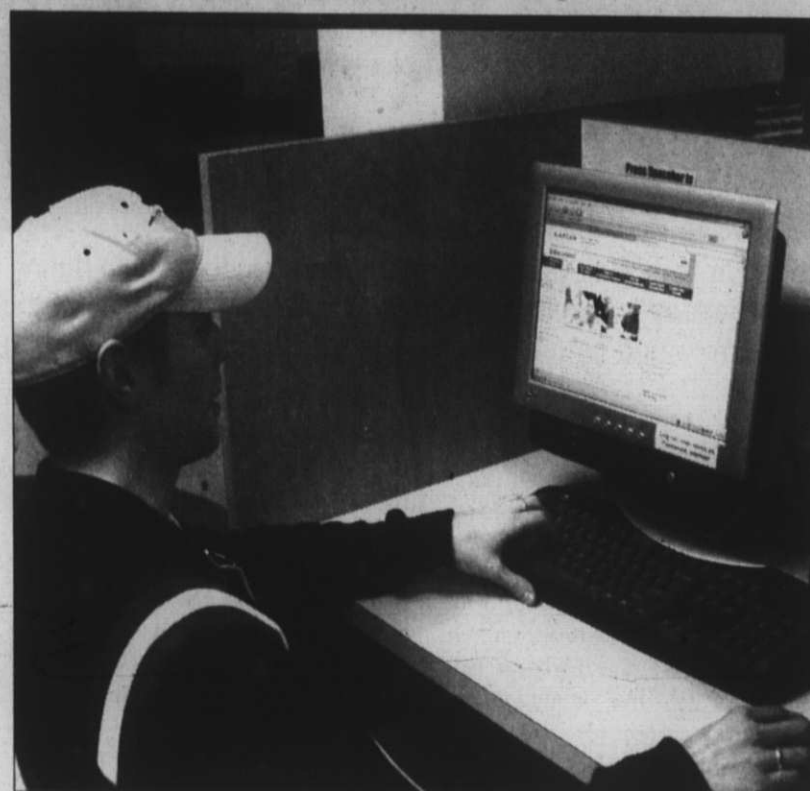
Additionally, the revised GRE will be administered through an Internet connection as opposed to the paper- and computer-based exams that are currently in place.

ETS has also announced plans to open several more thousand testing sites on top of the 9,000 testing sites currently running worldwide.

In a press release, Mari Perlman, ETS senior vice president for higher education said, "The new launch schedule will enable us to complete the expansion of Internet-based testing operations worldwide."

Furthermore, there will only be 30 test dates available each year. This change is being made in an attempt to completely prevent cheating.

This will also allow the Educational Testing Service to give a new test on each test date and never have to repeat any questions throughout the course of a year.



Adam Hanley '06 seeks online information on graduate testing, comparing the features of the GRE and Kaplan tests (Photo by Caroline Hotra).

Currently, anyone who wishes to take the GRE can schedule a test date almost any day of the year.

The new General Test, as well as the delay of it, may cause problems for students that were planning on taking the exam in the near future.

In a press release, Matt Fidler, GRE program manager for Kaplan

Test Prep and Admissions said, "Though the year-long delay in the change to the GRE may wreak short-term havoc on aspiring graduate students' test-taking considerations, it's ultimately a good thing, as it gives students additional breathing room and more time to take the current shorter version of the test."

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OUR VIEW

Students should be respectful when dining

It seems that one of the most commonly complained about aspects about Wooster aside from its cost is the food we eat.

Many people who have either visited or attended colleges besides Wooster will say that Wooster's dining fare is better than other schools'. In Lowry, there are usually several pre-made options and a plethora of food combinations one could concoct on his or her own.

However, along with all these options comes the fact that the means by which patrons of Lowry Dining Hall obtain their food is through asking directly for it.

The omelet, grilled cheese sandwich or stir fry that finds its way to diners' stomachs is actually prepared by a person in front of their eyes.

Because there is a high level of

interaction between patrons and staff, a responsibility to be cordial (or at least courteous) does exist. Perhaps the most ineffective manner in which one could ask for something is to act in a barbaric and vile fashion.

Requesting that food be prepared in a certain manner is not unreasonable, but becoming extremely angry when an omelet comes out as scrambled eggs or when there is too much lettuce is unacceptable, particularly when there is a long line of other students also waiting to be fed.

The best way to consider the staff in Hospitality Services is to remember that they are people, the same as professors and other students around the rest of the College, and the same as students entering the professional sphere after they graduate from Wooster.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dean encourages sportsmanship

To the editors:

It is fantastic to experience the success of our men's basketball team, and I am thrilled to see such a great response from the Wooster basketball fans! It is important for the team to have our support in the stands. It is also important to show the rest of the conference the character of Wooster. I am asking for your support for an initiative by the NCAC and NCAA. The Deans and Athletic Directors from the NCAC schools met earlier this year and agreed to promote a code of positive spectator conduct.

Part of that challenge was to prevent bad behavior and encourage team support. On February 4th, the Wooster students went to Wittenberg and showed not only their spirit, but also their character. This weekend we have another chance to raise the bar. I'm asking for your help with that challenge. Be creative, but don't get personal. If our athletes can excel on the court, then the fans should shine in the stands. There is no need to yell "Bullshit" when something more erudite would suffice. Go to the games, cheer for Wooster, be a little rowdy, but show good sportsmanship. Respect the teams, respect the game, and respect your College. GO SCOTS!!

— Kurt C. Holmes
Dean of Students

SGA says take the high ground

To the editors:

Rangers v. Celtics. Michigan v. Ohio State. And now, Wooster v. Wittenberg. While I don't think anyone has actually died as a result of this final rivalry, the tempers run extremely high any time the two squads meet in any sport, regardless of the sport. There's no doubt in anyone's mind that our rivalry with Witt has become increasingly deep-seeded, and has only grown stronger in the past two years. One need only look at the past year and a half to see this rivalry's strength: the nail-biting overtime football game in 2004 (the two squads set an NCAC record for points scored in a single game) and Woo's triple-overtime victory one year ago at the HPER Center at Witt. The games are rarely a rout, and always are high-powered matches of two perennial powers in NCAC play.

Beyond the fields and courts, however, there's one aspect of this rivalry that always seems to come into play: the fans. In the past few years, as this rivalry has grown, there always seems to be some sort of incident on one side or the other during the match. Most recently, Wittenberg fans taunted the Wooster student section at the 86-77 rout a few weeks back, and what did the Woo fans do? Nothing. They kept cheering, and kept supporting their team without returning the vulgarity.

Now, I'm not saying you can't have this visceral hatred of Wittenberg. On the contrary — it's the key to the rivalry. But instead of yelling curses across the stands at them, take the high ground. Make the hilarious signs — "Beat Springfield Community College" is a personal favorite — and instead of booing Witt, support our guys. We know our basketball team is better than theirs; let's show them our fans are too.

— Cam MacLeod '07, SGA Senator, writing on behalf of SGA

The Voice welcomes letters to the editor

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[Editorial cartoon by Julia V. Hendrickson. Send comments to voice_cartoons@wooster.edu.]

Dependence on oil a security threat America should use renewable energy

Around the year 2000, the oil tankers "Erika" and "Prestige" sank off the coasts of France and Spain, spilling a combined 24,120,000 gallons, or about 91,400 tons, of oil into the ocean and coating surrounding beaches.



andymaloney

(aka our food) and black slick polluted beaches, forcing tourists elsewhere.

Last week there was a coal mine accident in which 65 miners were trapped in a mine outside of San Juan de Sabinas, Mexico. That makes at least three major accidents in coal mines within the past few months, all in which either lives were lost or workers were sent to hospitals in serious condition.

The sudden jump in mining accidents and the magnitude of fossil fuel catastrophes has me anxious and curious as to when the United States or the world for that matter will start to seriously dedicate time and money to

research alternate fuel sources.

Obviously, the earth doesn't have unlimited supplies of fossil fuels and the usage of these fuels is not only dangerous to workers, but dangerous to the environment.

Upon some research, I was surprised to find out exactly how much we rely on fossil fuels as a nation. During the 1970s, the transportation industry was severely crippled by an Arab oil embargo. Oil runs our transportation, heat and a lot of machinery used to produce other useful domestic products. If there were significant increases in price, or unthinkable a drought or a depletion of supply, it would devastate our economy.

If we were able to use our windy

spending.

If we used a few of those billions, or even millions to research and develop other modes of power, we would be saving lives and prolonging our stay on this planet. Scientists and researchers predict that we have at least a few decades before it is cheaper to use solar energy than oil or coal.

The faster we start utilizing alternate fuel sources, the quicker the earth and our working class's safety won't be compromised. Unfortunately, the progress of these programs is slow because of lack of funding. Right now it isn't profitable to fully investigate alternative fuel technology and sell it. Thus we have no one stepping forward.

In the near future, it would excite me to see new technology being used to heat our houses or run our automobiles.

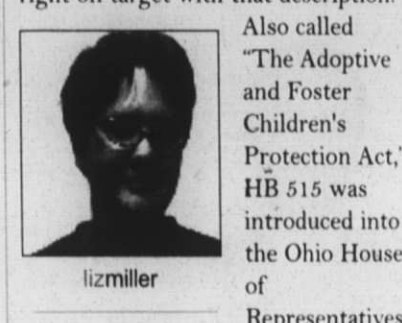
Not only would it benefit our environ-

ment, we wouldn't have to worry about loved ones being trapped in collapsed mines or developing emphysema as senior citizens. Likewise, we wouldn't have to worry about our loved ones dying in futile wars over oil.

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House bill threatens adoption rights Government attacks homosexual rights

Equality Ohio, a statewide LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) advocacy group has called HB 515 "a mean-spirited bill," and they're right on target with that description.



lizmiller

Also called "The Adoptive and Foster Children's Protection Act," HB 515 was introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives

Feb. 9 and would seek to ban LGBT individuals, couples or households where LGBT individuals reside from adopting or becoming foster parents. Currently, one state bans adoption by LGBT individuals (Jeb Bush's Florida, from as long ago as the mid-1970s), although even it doesn't go as far as to restrict LGBT

parents from being foster parents. It's a double-standard that has appalled many; I'm not sure what is worse — saying people can be great parents only in a foster parent situation or banning LGBT individuals from parenting at all. Either way, the 10 representatives who have proposed HB 515 have taken discrimination, Ohio-style, to a new low.

The good thing is that it is highly unlikely that the bill will pass through the Ohio General Assembly. It has little support — aside from its co-sponsors — from people within the state government. Republicans

and Democrats alike have condemned this measure. Some Republican analysts attempting to distance this issue from Ohio's DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) or its marriage amendment, saying that one can not exactly argue for the "sanctity of adoption" as they did for the "sanctity of marriage" in support of both federal and state efforts to write discrimination into their respective constitutions.

In Nov. of 2004, the statewide ballot initiative designed to mirror a federal "marriage protection act" was passed by the voters of the Buckeye state by more than 60 percent of the "popular" vote. This reiterated what Ohio's DOMA had already established (that marriage would be a

progress, it could be reintroduced as a ballot initiative, motivated by the voters of the great state of Ohio. Currently sixteen states, including Ohio, are attempting to ban adoption by LGBT individuals. Five of them are attempting to do so by ballot initiative.

This could be an even more destructive measure, because most likely such an initiative would seek to amend the state constitution — something a little more long-lasting than passing an act that could easily be overturned in the state legislature.

With right-wing maniacs like those in ultra-conservative Alan Keyes' organization "Renew America" on board to campaign for HB 515, we could be in some serious trouble, comrades.

Renew America columnist Fred Hutchinson has written about the "perversity" of homosexuality, saying that "researchers

are not forthcoming about the behavior of gay males concerning the rates of sexual molestation of children, sexual promiscuity and violent jealous quarrels of 'couples.'" Of course, those things happen in heterosexual relationships, and in greater frequency, but Hutchinson easily ignores this.

With rhetoric like that on the side of HB 515, don't expect it to die. Instead, prepare to fight against the next wave of anti-LGBT legislation.

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Environmental awareness needed on campus

Do not be wasteful, take care when using plastic

While standing in line at Java Hut on Saturday morning one of my ultimate pet peeves at Wooster flashed in front of my eyes: binge water bottle purchasing. I stood in line and



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watched three people on the other side with arms full of water bottles. Two people had four each and then the third had eight. Eight! My heart winced in

pain. There goes all this useless plastic to bottle liquid that is probably as good as anything that comes out of a re-usable water filter or the water upstairs in the cafeteria. The student commented to the lady at the counter that she was "stocking up."

Water bottle binge buying is wrong, wasteful and harmful to our environment. I understand that tap water really isn't the best thing for you nor does it taste all the great, but there are products out there to make it better.

I have used a water filter since I got onto campus and enjoy the fact that I'm not wasting the extra plastic. The plastic bottles that individuals can get at Java Hut are recyclable, yes, but it's the fact that they don't even need to be used in the first place! Recycling, as good as it is, still takes energy and costs money to the



Illustration by Julia V. Hendrickson.

College, which comes out of our tuition. But half the time I doubt that those nice shiny blue tinted water bottles with the red tops make it to a blue bin.

There is a crisis on our campus. Last year while living in Douglass, I noticed that the school was nice enough to supply everyone a beautiful blue bin for recycling products in attempts to promote recycling in our college community.

Every week I filled it up with leftover paper, plastic wrapping from

essentials that I needed, and occasionally a bottle or two from some juice that I drank. I noticed as I walked up and down the hall that I was one of very few that actually used the blue bins to hold my recycling.

Not enough people on this campus put thought into every action that they take each day. Wooster supports critical thinking and the questioning of the world and we can't simply ask how we can cut down our usage of products each day?

Screw the people who call me a lib-

eral hippie environmentalist who cares too much; This should be a human, bi-partisan issue.

The American culture is too used to consuming, consuming, consuming! Each man, woman and child produce 4.46 pounds of trash each day, according to statistics from the Environmental Protection Agency in 1998.

With new technology we are able to create safer landfills that protect our ground water and even for the land to be reused. But the fact is that we are still looking for places for landfills and the amount of trash that all of us create is overwhelming: approximately 220 million tons each year!

The production of bottles, aluminum cans and plastics also uses natural resources that are depleting and also at fault for horrible land mining practices (for aluminum cans). The plastic binge purchasing that is going on at Java Hut is just a clear example of people's lack of extra thought.

It's wasting what can perfectly be rectified by the purchase of a Nalgene and a Brita filter, saving energy that is put into creating the bottle and recycling it. Or simply just drink an extra glass of water at Lowry next time.

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America should reconsider budget priorities

What is so wonderful about the American people is that as quickly as they can make up their minds on how exactly they feel about Dick Cheney shooting a man in the face, Bill



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Clinton and exactly who he is or is not having intercourse with, lesbian daughters, lesbian rumors, and the way Howard Dean screams; they

have yet to make the connection between what a party promises and what it actually delivers.

That is to say, if you want to vote Republican because you think that gun rights are important to protect, or because the source of our problems in the Middle East really is not enough torture, you are right on target. But voting Republican because they are going to cut your taxes and balance the budget is becoming less

and less defensible every year.

To be fair, George Bush will cut your taxes. And after you're done spending that \$32 (unless you are one of the lucky 1 percent of top earners

"We are pouring trillions of dollars into this budget, yet everywhere I turn, programs are being cut. With Hurricane Katrina, the government that is supposed to protect the citizens didn't."

in America that the tax cuts are actually aimed towards, which, given our tuition, isn't really out of the question), I can only hope you will start to wonder what exactly a president who started a war that costs billions and billions of dollars is doing cutting taxes when our budget has a proposed \$423 billion deficit.

And while I find Republican lectures on how they are the party of less government intrusion in the same breath as their insistence on sodomy laws kind of cute, listening to someone tell me that they voted

for the party of the \$453 million Alaskan bridge to a town with population 50, or the party that wanted to spend a trillion dollars to privatize our social security system while not

actually fixing the problem, because that's the party that is going to solve America's spending problem, gets me a little concerned.

This is one of those situations, which in recent years has become practically all situations, where neither party has it right. Saying that you should vote Democrat because you are against the amount the government is spending will probably seem a little odd, too.

If our budget woes don't illustrate the problem of one party having control of both the executive and

legislative branches, I don't know what does.

Our budget is getting bigger every year. We are pouring trillions of dollars into this budget, yet everywhere I turn, programs are being cut. With Hurricane Katrina, the government that is supposed to protect the citizens didn't.

Yes, people don't really ever like paying taxes, but people especially don't like paying taxes when they get nothing out of it.

Those "luxurious" programs like education, arts, and disaster preparedness aren't things that can be cut in favor of a war 35 percent of the country supports or million dollar projects to keep Ted Stevens' donors happy. The sooner some party figures this out, the sooner they won't need tax cuts to make the people support them.

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SGA needs an overhaul to address student issues

Recently, the Student Government Association held its mid-term election to replace its former president, Michael Prohaska, who resigned amid



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protest for forging a signature. The SGA was only able to entice a single member of its body to run in its body. And I'm not sure, but judging from the number of people I saw at the polls, voter turnout seemed at best, shaky.

For a school that has prided itself on its political motivations and actions, the SGA has become the worst kind of representation, democratic or otherwise, that we could want, it has become irrelevant. Clearly, there are issues to be addressed within the Wooster student body.

The staggering amount of alcohol abuse, the troubles with initiation of several fraternities, and most recently the announcement of an increase in tuition not proportional to the scholarship offered. But students, rightly so, do not, and have no reason to go to their SGA representatives (assuming they even know who they are) to voice their concerns.

A cynical mind could easily write this off as an extension of the national level of political participation, and perhaps they would have a point, but at least the reports of political action at the national level continue to be written, as action con-

tinues to be taken. The same cannot be said of our student representatives who, as far as I can tell, have only as of yet been able to master the bureaucracy of their station, namely, tactics of delay. They don't even have to be held accountable to these tactics, as inaction among the SGA has become EXPECTED.

Ask the average student what the SGA has done for them recently, and be prepared to receive a blank stare. Ask who they voted for, and wait for the question "did I miss elections again?" The SGA is, and apparently for some time has been evading their responsibility to the students they claim to represent, while enjoying the added padding in their college resume of activities for little to no actual effort.

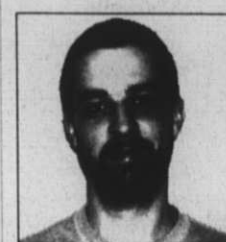
I'm sure those on the council have only the best intentions in mind, but trade in good intentions and a dollar and you'll still only get four quarters. The SGA needs an overhaul. Either by being held more accountable by the student body (unlikely), or by a greater effort of those who sit on it (doubtable), otherwise the growing sense of apathy among students towards their representation may end the effectiveness of that representation, if it had it at all.

I have yet to be convinced that it does, and until I and the rest of the student body are convinced, we'll still only have one candidate running for office.

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Recent cartoon protests teach important lesson

The recent dust-up over 12 cartoons published in a Denmark daily portraying the prophet Mohammed



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has been entertaining to watch from afar. American newspapers have shielded this side of the Atlantic from most of the controversy because most

major dailies, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal, declined to reprint them here.

The Daily Illini, the University of Illinois's student paper, recently printed one of the more inflammatory cartoons and two of the paper's top editors were essentially fired for the misdeed. Yet, the Times' and Post's refusal to reprint the notorious twelve represents a rare case of self-restraint in American media.

European-Muslims and Middle Eastern Muslims think the cartoons just one symptom of white Europeans' bigotry. And of course they're right.

See the riots in French-Arab ghettos in France, the recent revelation that German agents aided Americans in the build-up to the Iraq war, France's pseudo-secular crackdown on Muslim turbans in schools, frustration-fueled Arab riots in the Netherlands, or the racist chants of soccer fans toward opposing teams' North African and Middle Eastern players for evidence.

The irony, of course, is that most Europeans staunchly opposed the United States' recent adventures in Iraq and Afghanistan. But now Americans are the ones showing some restraint. Maybe 300 years of struggle with the race issue has taught us something after all. What I got out of the controversy though was nothing about race relations or geopolitics. I'm way out of my league there.

Rather, the journalistic questions the events raised, to me, are far more interesting. Why would a newspaper editor choose to run something that is deliberately inflammatory and racist? Is it a matter of just degree, or are the cartoons merely a red herring for other, darker forces that spawned violence? I don't know. I know that an editor's willingness to run such cartoons smacks of severe irresponsibility.

Because the images so distorted the views of Muslims, the willingness to run such panels even smacks of a contempt for journalism, the journalism that seeks to illuminate prominent issues, incite constructive social debate, and positively contribute to society.

For the best journalists, their profession is a calling; to some, journalism is the only thing that can save life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and all things good and holy from utter destruction. And they're probably understating their case.

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Seniors need free break housing to help finish I.S.

When at work in the library, it is always interesting to listen to the tours walk through Gault and discuss our Independent Study at Wooster. In almost every case, one of the first



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aspects of the program mentioned is the fact that we are ranked second only to the godly Princeton University.

Soon after, there is talk of the amount of preparation students go through before writing an Independent Study and the degree of support they have during the actual process. All this is largely accurate. Students certainly go through a lot of preparation and have a lot of help when working through the progress. In general, every student receives the same amount of training and the same opportunities to draft the best Independent Study that they can.

There is one exception to both the support and the equality that is so important to the Capstone program. The fact the College holds an unusually long spring break, and then charges students to stay on campus, represents an extremely unfair and impractical policy.

Charging students for spring break is particularly troubling for seniors, who use this time to put in the final revisions and citations for their Independent Study.

All the resources seniors need to finish Independent Study are on campus: the libraries, the printers, the academic buildings, etc.

Students who cannot afford to pay the \$13 per day, plus the cost of food, are deprived of these resources for the last two weeks before I.S. Monday and are therefore at a disadvantage compared to those who can afford to stay.

The College does make some accommodation to international students by charging them only half the price as domestic students. It is clear that it would be easier for me to find a way to Pittsburgh than it would be for an international student to find a way to Bulgaria or Ghana.

At the same time, students who come to the United States for higher education know that there will be inconveniences, increased expenses and other such complications.

However, the College realizes that international students do benefit from a price break on housing. Similarly, seniors would clearly benefit from at least the same price reduction that international students receive.

In general, this is an issue that concerns the welfare of both the academics and students at Wooster. Consider that the senior thesis at Princeton is due May 8. At Princeton there is one less week of spring break, from March 18-26, and students are allowed to live off campus.

This issue is therefore not nearly as prevalent at Princeton, but is difficult to imagine that the administration at such a prestigious university would allow their housing department to hinder their students' progress on the senior thesis.

However, at Wooster that is exactly what happens and students have to overcome an obstacle that Princeton students do not have to overcome.

There are a few different options that could be used to address this problem. First, the College could not charge seniors for housing over break and refund the money to those who have already paid.

Second, the College could charge seniors and international students the reduced price and maintain the standard rate for other students, therefore at least alleviating the problem.

Maintaining the current arrangement is not an acceptable solution. It is difficult to imagine that faculty, administration, or students, both current and prospective, will continue to tolerate a policy that places students with bigger wallets in a blatantly advantageous position when it comes to the most challenging academic exercise of their college careers.

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Campus takes initiative to raise environmental awareness

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In an energy-driven world fueled by consumption, a focus on policy, politics and large-scale research has emerged. In the swirling confusion of drilling debates, energy efficiency and global warming, the essence of sustainability has grown cloudy. Recent incentives by groups on campus have stirred exploration of environmental issues as students, faculty and alumni collaborate to connect Wooster with the world.

A grant from the Henry Luce Foundation for \$270,000 has facilitated Wooster's involvement with the Environmental Analysis and Action Program and a rise of environmental awareness on campus. The three-year grant, as a result, has catalyzed research projects and annual symposiums to benefit all students.

This year's symposium is themed "Sustainable Wooster, Sustainable World," and campus-wide events will begin in late March.

"Sustainable Wooster, Sustainable World" consists of a comprehensive set of lectures and events that will be

occurring this semester in relation to many topics, but all under the auspices of sustainability," explained Shawn Sweeney '06, campus leader of Roots and Shoots. "Many of the speakers will be talking about energy use, land use, and sustainable living," he said.

The lecture series includes five high-profile speakers representing the U.S. Department of Energy, the local Amish community, the American Indian Program, the Land Institute and Iowa State University. Two of these speakers, Jane Mt. Pleasant and Wes Jackson, were recently highlighted in "The Smithsonian" as two of the top 35 people "Who Made a Difference."

"I think the lectures will be valuable events to attend, and the events will need support as well," said Laura Barnhart '06, a key coordinator of the program. "Currently it appears that environmental concern is concentrated in a few small groups on campus. However, judging by conversations I have had with students of all kinds of groups, there is a broad interest across campus; just no outlets or opportunities for its manifestation," she said.

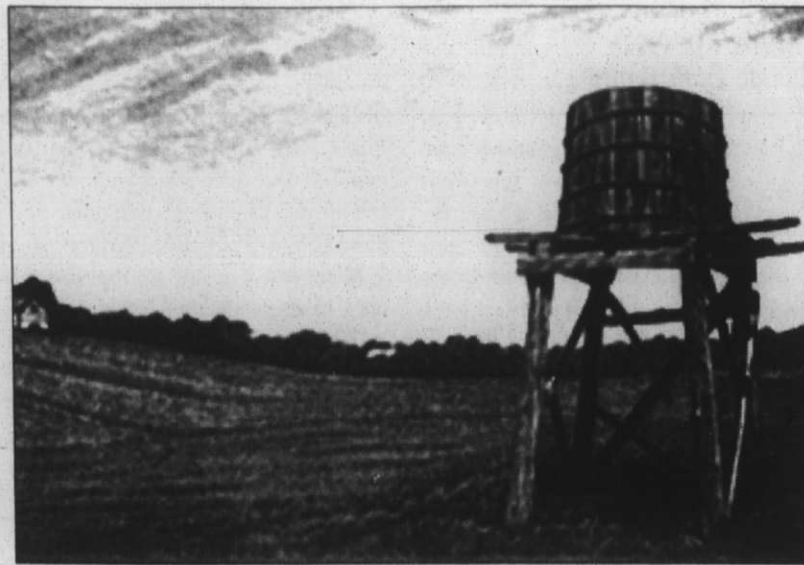
Barnhart is striving to create and organize a powerful, cohesive semes-

ter events in collaboration with other students and involved faculty. "The best way to get involved will be to demonstrate that students do have a level of awareness, concern, and interest in what is occurring locally and globally," she said. "These events will demonstrate a level of interest as well as spur initiatives from students, faculty, and staff and the large Wooster community."

Culmination of student and faculty efforts will make the program possible. Sponsoring the events are Environmental Analysis and Analysis, ECOS, Pueblo de Esperanza, Peace by Peace, Community Bike Program, Roots and Shoots, Green House, Organic Farming House, College Democrats and the Women's Resource Center.

In addition to the lecture series, many events are being developed. An Earth Day Eve Celebration is being planned, along with an on-going exhibit at Ebert Art center entitled "Working the Land." A tentative film series and co-sponsored events by the related student organizations will supplement the program.

The events will be predominantly on-campus in the evenings and will be



"The Water Tower," nd. by Asa Cheffetz (American, 1896-1965) depicts what Wooster students are working to protect (Image courtesy of The College of Wooster Art Museum, The John Taylor Arms Print Collection).

open to the entire Wooster community. "Sustainable Wooster, Sustainable World" will take place through the months of March, April and May. Publicity and creation of an informational Web site will begin within the coming weeks.

"This symposium is designed to have more concentrated force for edu-

cation purposes and to demonstrate the salience of broadly defined environmental issues on this campus," concluded Barnhart. "I believe that a small college community such as Wooster is the perfect location to make very tactile ameliorations in terms of sustainable buildings and practices."

Better body images: Exploring efforts to end eating disorders

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National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (NEDAW) is approaching quickly, bringing to Wooster several events designed to inform students of the disorders associated with body dissatisfaction. The weeklong push for awareness begins Sunday, Feb. 26 and runs through Saturday, Mar. 4.

Students will have several opportunities to learn about the disorders that affect millions nationwide. Among the planned events are a movie viewing, a speech given by a nutritionist, an informal discussion group and a photo-therapy lecture and workshop.

Following last year's movie viewing is a sequel entitled "Beyond Killing Us Softly 3: Advertising's Image of Women," which is being shown Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Lean Lecture Hall in Wishart Hall for free. The movie addresses the connections between advertising and self-image.

Collette Smith '06, one of the students in charge of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, commented on the amount of information that the movie brought to her. "I was in shock and awe when watching the video," Smith said.

Clinical Dietitian Emily Crowley will be speaking at 7 p.m. in room 009 of Severance Hall. Her speech will touch on the specifics of healthy eat-

ing and the truths and myths regarding dieting.

"It's a Beautiful World," an informal discussion held by several College of Wooster international students, is scheduled for Mar. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Lowry Pit. The discussion will touch on the different cultural and personal views of beauty from Myanmar, India, Zimbabwe and Russia.

Ellen Fisher Turk, a photo-therapy photographer, will be conducting a session Mar. 5 at 4 p.m. in the Longbrake Student Wellness Center. Her work is designed to help women with body issues see themselves in a new way.

"Women with body image issues... can't see themselves the way others see them," commented Ashley Lackovich '06, another student in charge of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

She added that the photo-therapy sessions are designed to help these women see themselves through the eyes of others, ultimately showing them a new way of seeing themselves.

The sessions cost \$5 each. A lecture free of charge on Ellen Fisher Turk's work will be given Mar. 6 at 4 p.m. in room 009 of Severance Hall. For more information on the sessions or to sign up, contact Nancy Anderson at the Longbrake Student Wellness Center at extension 2038.

The week will also include

Wellness Tuesday, during which information on disorders and how to recognize and help friends struggling with them will be available at lunch hours. Information will also be posted in several areas on campus, including boards in the Lowry Student Center.

Students are encouraged to stop into the Florence Wilson Bookstore, which will be featuring a section of books written on eating disorders, beauty aspects and several topics associated with body dissatisfaction.

Smith and Lackovich hope that the events scheduled will promote an

awareness that continues beyond just National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. They share the vision that students with disorders related to body dissatisfaction will have resources readily available to them to aid them in their recovery.

"There's not enough awareness on campus," Smith said. "We hope to bring more resources to campus."

"When it comes to things like [eating disorders], people often neglect it," Lackovich added. "It's a difficult issue."

She adds that with one in four students suffering from disorders,

chances are that the issue is personal for nearly everyone.

National Disorders Awareness Week is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, the Women's Studies Department, the Dean of Students Office, Empower, Residential Life, Psychology Club, Psi Chi, First Responders and the Longbrake Student Wellness Center.

More information on disorders and National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is available by contacting Nancy Anderson at the Longbrake Student Wellness Center at extension 2038.

Authentic Old Time Celtic Jam rocks out at Mom's



Rock out with your Celt out! Members of the College and Wooster city communities congregated Tuesday evening from 7-9 to enjoy live musical entertainment at Mom's Truckstop in Lowry Center. Attendees could relax and listen to traditional Celtic tunes. They were also provided with the opportunity to participate and play music themselves (Photo by Caroline Hotra).

SPRING BREAK 2006

Discover spring break inspirations for every destination



Illustration by Andy Maloney.

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In just over two weeks, many college students will be on their way to their spring break vacation spots. Even so, not everyone will be able to experience the fabulous weather of the beaches in Florida or Mexico; I'm one of the people that will be sitting at home in the cold, winter weather. But when I heard that New Orleans was still having Mardi Gras, despite all

that has happened to Louisiana in the past six months, I got to thinking about what I was going to do during my weeks off. I decided that even though I'm not going any place fabulous or wonderful for my break, I can still find ways to have fun.

Sometimes it is hard to believe that Hurricane Katrina happened only six months ago.

While there were many parts of the United States and surrounding areas that were affected by the hurricane,

New Orleans was hit the hardest. The damage from Katrina added up to \$75 billion, making it the most costly of hurricane of all time. Because of the high intensity winds, many of the building structures did not make it through the entirety of the storm. Flooding was also a major contributor to the damages. However, the most devastating statistic from Hurricane Katrina is that there were 1,417 total deaths from the deadly storm, the second highest hurricane death toll in history.

This is not the first time a major catastrophe has been a threat to the New Orleans Mardi Gras Carnival. A natural disaster has never been the cause of a Carnival cancellation; there have been very few cancellations, but all were due to human intervention. Despite wars, natural disasters and human intervention, this New Orleans tradition celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

I know many of you are probably asking yourselves what any of this has to do with you. Although Hurricane Katrina may not have any direct affect on you, there is something that can be taken from the New Orleans spirit. If you are one of those people not going anywhere on vacation, don't be too bummed about it.

If New Orleans can carry on its tradition of the Carnival despite one of the worst natural disasters in years, be thankful to be at home with friends and family.

SPRING BREAK SOLUTIONS FOR STUDENTS STUCK AT HOME

Spring Break is a loaded term. Its mention evokes images of sunny locations from Cancun to Cabo, and many students will be jetting to similar warm places this March. Others of us, however, will be stuck at home.

While this may seem like a tragedy at first glance, Spring Break at home doesn't have to be spent watching Maury. Check out these ideas from the Features editors for keeping your Spring Break talk show-free.

- **Take a lesson.** If you've wanted to try tennis, golf or skeet shooting, call up a professional and give it a try.
- **Sightsee.** Every town has some old military fort or famous dead person's house to visit. Even though it may sound boring, it's notable for a reason. If you check it out you might learn something cool about your hometown.
- **Rent good movies.** We've all rented cinematic wonderments like "The Real Cancun," but there's something to be said for a quality film. Look up a list of Oscar-winning movies you've always heard about but have never seen, and head to your local Blockbuster.
- **Cook.** Months of eating at the Basics can be repetitive, so it's refreshing to get a home-cooked meal after a while. Instead of letting your family cook this time, why not make something yourself? You've already mastered Hot Pockets so it can't be that hard.
- **Read a non-school book.** Curl up with a Nicholas Sparks, Tom Clancy or even Danielle Steele novel for a fun break from academics. Feeling ambitious? Try a classic or maybe a how-to book.
- **Try a new restaurant.** Pizza is great, but you can always explore the options your town offers. Even small communities often have Japanese, Thai or Mediterranean restaurants, so be adventurous — go somewhere different.
- **Catch up with old friends.** Even if you think you have nothing more in common than "Animal Farm" and "Lord of the Flies," take a chance and meet up with old classmates. You might be surprised how little has changed and how much you have to catch up on.
- **Go to a museum.** Whether your hometown offers museums of art, natural history, or the world's most priceless bottlecaps, take a day and enrich your mind.
- **Start a blog.** Everybody's doing it! Well, not everybody, but it's a way to record a journal in an interactive way. Give the web address to your friends, or keep it private. For free blog hosting, check out www.blogger.com or www.livejournal.com.

JV Pipe Band provides low key piping outlet

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You might be hearing more bagpipes than usual echoing across campus this spring. A group of pipers has just formed a new musical group, the Concert Band pipe band. The new group seeks to give pipers and drummers the opportunity to honor Wooster's Scottish traditions as well as sharpen and maintain their own musical skills.

Here's how piping works at the College: In the fall, most of the student pipers play in the Scot Marching Band pipe band. In the spring, however, auditions determine who will continue piping in the Symphonic Band and who will not. The Concert Band pipe band will give pipers an alternative to the more competitive Symphonic Band pipe band and allow them to continue to play and improve.

"Normally, those who do not make it into the spring Symphonic Band are not able to practice in a band setting until the following fall semester," the group's director Sam Langley '06 wrote in a recent e-mail. "The [Concert Band pipe] band allows these individuals to continue practicing and learning new music in a band setting."

It's clear that the low-pressure band

atmosphere is attractive to a lot of pipers. The "JV Pipe Band," as its members prefer to call it, was the brainchild of Symphonic Band pipe major Nick Monin '07. Although the group is less than half a semester old, twelve pipers and one drummer have already joined the group's ranks.

Membership in the JV Pipe Band is open to anyone who is interested.

"The band is focused on improving upon the skill level you are currently at, so there are no requirements other than owning a set of bagpipes and knowing the basics of how to play them," wrote Langley.

The band is completely student-run and practices every Wednesday for an hour and a half.

Because the group has had limited time playing together, their repertoire is as yet fairly small. The focus, naturally, is on traditional Scottish tunes. They include "Scotland the Brave," "Wings," "Rowan Tree," "Mairi's Wedding," "Murdo's Wedding," "Flett from Flotta," "Glendauriel Highlanders," and "Bonnie Dundee."

There are practical advantages to the existence of a JV Pipe Band, according to Langley.

"The increased practice time in a band setting allows not only the individual to continue piping and improve upon their skills, but will also increase



The newly-formed JV Pipe Band practices in Scheide Music Center. The JV Pipe Band offers a low pressure alternative to the Symphonic Band for pipers looking to play at Wooster during the spring semester (Photo by Karin Johnson).

the overall skill level of the following fall's Marching Band pipe band, since there isn't a large "off-season" for those who did not make it into the Symphonic Band," he wrote.

The JV Band's relaxed feel does much to distinguish it from the more serious "varsity" band, the Symphonic Band pipe band. "The 'varsity' pipe band is primarily focused on giving performances, whereas the JV Pipe

Band is primarily concerned with just playing the pipes and enjoying it," wrote Langley.

The JV Pipe Band does plan to give at least one performance this year, though. You can catch them sharing the spotlight with the Wooster Concert Band during their concert on Sunday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in Gault Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

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My best friend in elementary school was Holly Berg. Holly and I used to play a game called Orphans in which we were orphans and someone from



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the government was coming later that night to check in on us and if we didn't make dinner and clean the house, we would be separated and put

in foster homes. I had a stay-at-home mom, so this seemed like fun to me.

We were cleaning the bathroom one afternoon when Holly suddenly gasped. We had stumbled upon something forbidden.

"My mom doesn't want anyone to know about this," said Holly, her eyes wide.

It was a box of Clairol Nice 'n Easy. Holly's mother dyed her hair.

I felt a rush of shame. I had stumbled upon my friend's mother's horrible secret. Dying your hair was like lying. I couldn't look Mrs. Berg in the eye for weeks.

I haven't thought about the Mrs. Berg hair dye incident in years. In my late teens, I settled into the earthy, vaguely feminist conclusion that I would grow old gracefully. Dignified blazers, droopy bosom, wrinkles, salt and pepper hair. I would eat Kashi. The whole nine yards.

Well, kiddies, here's the problem: my hair is turning white and I'm pissed.

I am 22 years old. TWENTY-TWO. Aren't I supposed to get a few good years of clear skin and shiny hair before everything falls to pieces? I have the dietary habits of a 14-year-old boy. I know the other side of 30 is going to get bleak fast. I'm cool with that. But I always figured my metabolism would carry me at least that far. So why can't my hair get with the program?

I mean, it's not that bad. Yet. I count two white hairs at the moment not including the two I ripped out in an abject panic a few months ago. But four white hairs in a matter of months — how much longer do I have?

One conclusion is unavoidable: the growing old gracefully thing? Out of the question. Nature can go to hell, as far as I'm concerned. Notice how foul-mouthed I've been in this column? Well, no grandmotherly propriety for this gal. Gray hair? No. My new model for old age: my friend Michael's nana. Nana, who is pushing 90, has metal knees, perky boobs, jet black tresses and a face so tight mice could use it as a trampoline. Now that's a woman who knows how to live. As soon as I finish writing this, I'm going to call Michael and get the name of her hairdresser.

Last night I rediscovered my love for Olympic figure skating. As a little girl, I watched Nancy Kerrigan, Oxana Baiul and Kristy Yamaguchi with absolute adoration. I kept an issue of "Highlights" under my pillow because it contained an article about Sonja Henie.

Through most of elementary school, I nursed a secret fantasy that I would one day be discovered by a great figure skating coach who would see my natural grace and cart me away to a snowy pastel spandex dreamland to train me for Olympic gold.

I eventually had to let that one go, along with the published author by the age of 15 thing, the redhead thing, and the decent prom date thing. But last night, I watched Irina Slutskaya skate her short program and suddenly remembered how breathtaking figure skating is. These women are so gifted, so athletic, so capable.

And now, suddenly, so many of them are younger than me (see mini-column above for detailed exploration of premature aging fears). I can't even pretend to want to be an Olympic gold medalist anymore.

And that's fine, really. Because just watching is joyful. I love how good the world is. I know I should be sad because we have wars and kids sometimes shoot each other and there's global warming. But I can't suppress my love of a world that makes people who do such stunning things.

I'm not going to end up powerful, famous, or the best in the world at anything. But I can take real, exquisite, bubbly pleasure in the enormous talent of other people. Not to get all Pollyanna on you, but I'm just really happy about that. Yay the Olympics!

Alumni return for Symphony Orchestra concert



Members of the Wooster Symphony Orchestra rehearse for their upcoming concert. Alumni members of the orchestra will play on several selections (Photo by Andy Maloney).

**Cory Smith and
Zack McBride**
Voice Staff

The Wooster Symphony Orchestra is teaming up with returning Wooster Symphony Orchestra alumni to perform selections by Dvorak, Beethoven and Berlioz. Under the direction of professor of music Jeffrey Lindberg, the orchestra will be joined by solo violinist Thomas Wood, associate professor of music at Wooster, in addition to a specially formed alumni orchestra.

The concert will feature Dvorak's "New World" Symphony.

"I always get requests to perform Dvorak's 'New World' Symphony, so I felt it would be nice to put it on a program commemorating the 90th anniversary of the WSO ... this is the third time I have programmed the 'New World' Symphony since I began at Wooster," Lindberg wrote in a recent e-mail.

Due to the relatively small turnout for the alumni orchestra, Lindberg decided to pair the Wooster Symphony Orchestra with the alumni

orchestra for two pieces during Sunday's concert. These pieces are Beethoven's Overture to "The Creatures of Prometheus" and Berlioz's Hungarian March from "The Damnation of Faust."

Although the orchestra alumni and the Wooster Symphony Orchestra will rehearse only once together prior to the concert, Lindberg is confident that the two groups will be cohesive.

"I look forward to seeing the Wooster Symphony Orchestra alumni with whom I worked during my first few years here. I also look forward to meeting the alumni who played in the WSO as far back as the 1940s and 50s," wrote Lindberg.

In addition to the alumni participants, Thomas Wood will join the Wooster Symphony Orchestra in performing Tchaikovsky's Concerto in D major for violin and orchestra.

"It is always a joy to accompany an excellent soloist, so I am enjoying working with Tom [Wood] as we prepare for the performance," Lindberg wrote.

"Wood is a fine violinist and a real asset to the Music Department here at Wooster."

According to Lindberg, the orchestra looks forward to playing with a Wooster soloist. "It is advantageous to perform with a soloist who is a

member of the ... staff because you have many more rehearsals with that person than you normally would have with a soloist from out of town," he wrote.

The Wooster Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1915 by Professor of Violin Daniel Parmelee and is the second oldest orchestra in continuous performance in Ohio. The oldest orchestra in continuous performance in Ohio is the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, which was founded in 1895, according to the group's Web site.

The Wooster Symphony Orchestra consists of auditioned students and community members and presents three subscription concerts a year.

In the Office of Public Information's "Salute to the Symphony," Lindberg said, "The Wooster Symphony Orchestra is one of Wooster's cultural treasures."

Individual tickets for Sunday's concert are \$5. They can be purchased at Wilson Bookstore or at the door prior to the start of Sunday's performance in McGaw Chapel at 4 p.m.

The Wooster Symphony Orchestra will present its final concert of the season on Sunday, April 30, at 4 p.m. This final concert will feature Robert Sims, a lyric baritone.

ALBUM REVIEW: REGINA SPEKTOR

Concentration needed to enjoy "Mary Ann"

Vanessa Lange
Arts Editor

I was recently introduced to the unique sound of singer/songwriter Regina Spektor when I found out, to my delight, that she had just released a brand new album. I was disappointed, however, when I discovered that "Mary Ann Meets the Gravediggers and Other Short Stories" was a compilation CD and did not have any new material. But "Mary Ann" turned out to be more than just a "best of" album; it's a concept album that creates a cohesive collection of imaginative, fictional short stories set to Regina's innovative sound.

Regina's lyrics are rarely autobiographical and instead tell often fantastical stories of the lives of fictional characters. Mary Ann, a character that reappears often in Regina's songs, is featured in several tracks on this album, hence the album's title. The variety of tales on this album ranges from the story of an underappreciated housewife who kills her husband in "Mary Ann," to the tale of a heroin addict in "Daniel Cowman." These are songs you can't just have on in the background — you have to really listen to them and contemplate the meaning of Regina's often cryptic lyrics.

Regina's sound is minimalist in terms of instrumentation. Most times she is accompanied by just her piano, with the occasional string section,

jazz guitar or drumsticks on what sounds like a table, or maybe the edge of her piano.

But the real instrument here is Regina's voice. Her phrasing, intonation and vocal gymnastics are a little bit Ani DiFranco, a little bit Joni Mitchell, and a little bit Fiona Apple. Originally from Moscow, but a New Yorker since the age of nine, Regina's influences range from jazz and classical to Russian folk and hip-hop.

The album starts off strongly with "Oedipus," the anecdotal "Love Affair," "Poor Little Rich Boy" and the bouncy "Sailor Song." On "Poor Little Rich Boy" Regina's sound gets a little harder and less mellow than usual. Her intense repetition of "You're so young, you're so goddamn young" is even reminiscent of Patti Smith's half-sing-half-yell.

After this, however, the album begins to drag a little. The quality of the artistry remains high, but the listenability begins to dwindle. Yet the album makes a comeback at the end. The gems of the album are the final two tracks, "Chemo Limo," and "Us," both off of Regina's third album "Soviet Kitsch."

"Chemo Limo" is a devastatingly tragic story about the choices we make when we know we don't have much longer to live. She sings "I aint about to die like this / I can't afford chemo like I couldn't afford a limo."

Regina's voice floats over the haunting piano line and the moving

bass line adds a powerful emotional element.

"Us," on the other hand, is a somewhat traditional love song, and the only track on this album that does not tell a story. The fairly elementary piano line accented by a string accompaniment is enough to make this a track you want to listen to over and over again.

While overall I enjoyed the selection of songs on this album, "Mary Ann Meets the Gravediggers" does have one major setback. The album is

a two-disc set with a DVD with Regina's music video for "Us" and a "Survival Guide to Soviet Kitsch," so the price of the album is much higher than the average CD.

And because the album is only available right now as an import, most people will not even be able to watch the DVD due to formatting differences.

In other words, this is a great album for die-hard Regina Spektor fans; for everyone else, I suggest sticking with Regina's last album, "Soviet Kitsch."

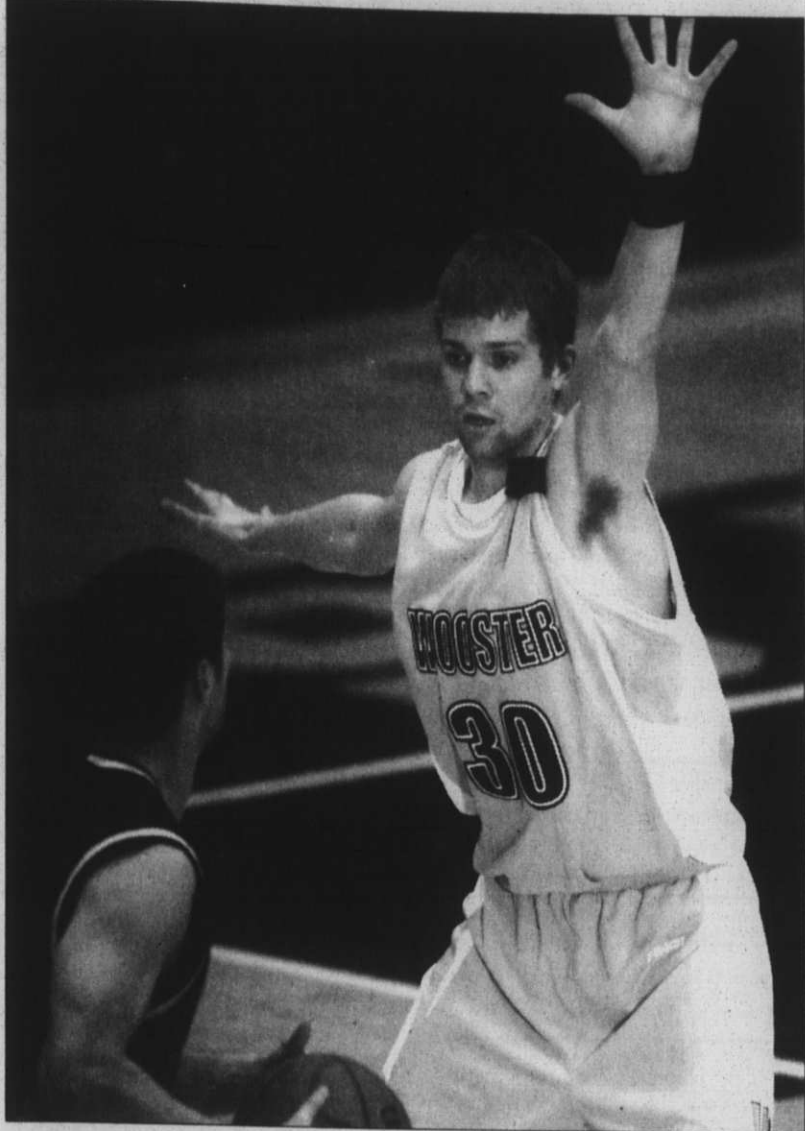
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Scots stumble but roll on to Semis



Andy Van Horn '07 puts the pressure on as the Scots bounce back from a disappointing finish (Photo courtesy of OPI).

Chris Sweeney Sports Editor

The NCAC shook itself up this week, with the Scots one of two upset victims, losing to Ohio Wesleyan 86-83 finishing their season 23-2 (15-1). The Scots would bounce back in the NCAC quarterfinals defeating Kenyon 96-44.

Wooster's loss to Ohio Wesleyan will not affect the NCAC tournament; Wooster remains the outright title winner and the number one seed in the tournament.

Against Kenyon, the Scots started off a bit slow, never trailing but for the first 12 minutes never pulling away with only a 17-16 lead. Then the Scots exploded, going on a 35-12 run over the last eight minutes of the first half and the first three minutes of the second to pull ahead 56-18. It was never close again.

Brandon Johnson '09 led the Scots

with 17 points followed by James Cooper's '08 14 and Andy Van Horn '07 with 13. Tom Port '06 and Devin Faulk '08 were also in double figures with 10 each. Tim Vandervaat '07 and Evan Will '08 lead the team with seven rebounds apiece.

"We came out slow and didn't have the intensity that we needed," said Vandervaat. "Once we saw the score we all took a mental time out, realized that this wasn't us and it shouldn't be this close. We came back out and started playing Wooster basketball."

Even though the Scots advanced to the NCAC semifinals, they ended their season on a disappointing note against Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops.

The Bishops were playing the spoiler role quite well on Saturday after playing even with the Scots for the 50-50 tie, changing leads nine times throughout the first half.

Ohio Wesleyan would never trail

again, building an 11-point lead with 3:14 remaining. But the Scots would not roll over and die, cutting the lead down to seven with 24 seconds left.

Kyle Witucky '06 continued to fight, draining a three-pointer than after a forced turnover off of the Ohio Wesleyan inbounds pass, Port cut the lead to one with another three pointer with 15 seconds left.

The Bishops made both free throws but the Scots had one last chance, however, both Witucky and Port missed three point shot attempts and the Bishops held on for the upset.

Witucky led the team with 22 points. Cooper, Port, and Vandervaat followed with 17, 16 and 14 respectively. Port also led the team in rebounds, grabbing six boards.

"We realized that next time we lose the season could be over," said Vandervaat. "If we lose in the conference tournament we may get a bid but it isn't guaranteed. We didn't play our game and it got our heads back on straight because if we play like that again, our season is over."

The only consolation in the loss is that rival Wittenberg also suffered its third loss of the season to Wabash 51-46 on Wednesday. The win clinched Wabash a home quarterfinal game.

Adding to the upset week, the third-ranked team in the land, Baldwin Wallace, lost twice this week, joining the fourth-ranked Tigers and the first-ranked Scots in the upset pool.

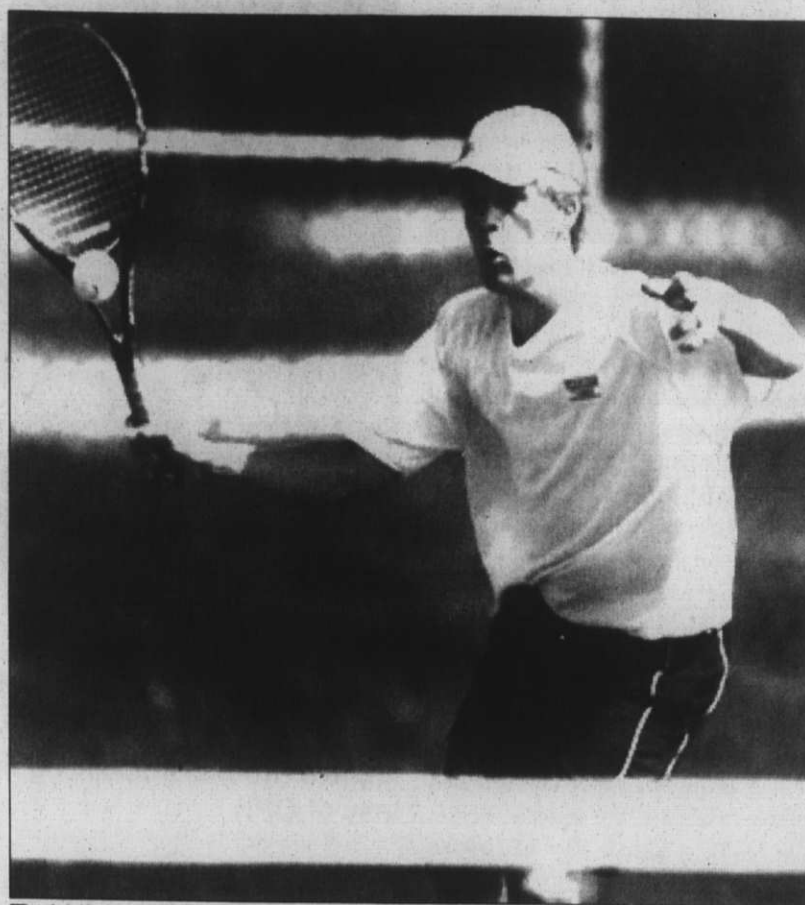
Lawrence takes over the top spot in the land at 21-0, the only remaining unbeaten in Div. III as the Scots drops to number three, looking up to Hope by only two vote points.

The NCAC tournament comes to Timken Gym this weekend starting on Friday Feb. 24 with the semifinal round. Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan tip off first at 5:30 p.m. followed by Wooster vs. Earlham at 7:45 p.m.

Ohio Wesleyan proved last week that they can hang with the big boys, scoring the upset against Wooster. Wabash had momentum going into the tournament, but stumbled against Earlham, who took the Scots to overtime losing by two during the season. Both Ohio Wesleyan and Earlham have very real shots at not only pulling upsets, but winning the NCAC.

The NCAC finals will tip off at 7 p.m. featuring the two semifinal winners.

Ace! Tennis dominant



Ted Hickey '08 volleys a ball during a match. The tennis team's regular season has already included a match against the Wabash Little Giants (Photo courtesy of OPI).

Michelle Erickson Sports Editor

The men's tennis team opened their season with a trip to Wabash to face the Little Giants. The Scots came away with an impressive and encouraging early season victory. In face the men were dominant in their 6-1 victory.

"The season has not been going on too long, with about four weeks of practicing and one match vs Wabash," said Will Morrison '07. "Everything seems to be off to a good start though, as evidenced by a very decisive win over Wabash."

In a showcase of their depth the men almost swept the singles competition with victories in the number two through six spots.

Dave Albrecht '08 was dominant in the number two spot with a 6-1, 6-2 victory. The men's only set back came at the number one spot as Morrison was defeated in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2 by Wabash's Jay Horrey.

"I thought the Wabash match really showcased our depth, which is the definite strength of the team. Everyone

looked sharp on the singles court, setting up points well," said Morrison. "The doubles also looked good, better than I expected actually. I thought the whole day was very encouraging."

On the double's side the men were also dominant, winning all three matches. Brian Ebbitts '07 and Ted Hickey '08 won in the number one spot with a 9-7 victory. Also posting victories in the doubles competition were Albrecht and Dan Fleszar '07 and Grant D'Augustine '08 and Pat Grab '09.

The team is now preparing for their lone meet this week as they travel to Ohio Wesleyan to face the Bishops. The Scots will then continue practicing until their spring break trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina. The Scots are planning on playing their toughest schedule in recent history this year and further preparing themselves for the tough NCAC race which lies ahead.

The Scots will play five matches while in the South before opening at home against Ohio Northern after spring break.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NBA- Steve Francis' days in Orlando are over, the Magic just dealt the point guard to the New York Knicks for ex-Magic star Penny Hardaway and Trevor Ariza.

While the trade doesn't seem to provide any immediate help for the Magic, it will drop them far under the salary cap at the end of this year making Orlando a very attractive destination for many star free agents like Chauncey Billups and Paul Pierce.

The Knicks gain Francis and combined with Stephon Marbury could make for a deadly duo in the backcourt.

The Francis deal is the second major deal for the Magic in the last two weeks, Orlando also acquired 7'0" forward Darko Milicic from Detroit.

MLB- Barry Bonds has made it clear that he doesn't want to play DH for another team next year. However, whether or not he will play at all still remains a mystery.

Bonds has said that he is seriously considering retirement after this season he also said that he will not make any final decision about his future until December.

Bonds has undergone two knee surgeries over the last year and his injury situation dramatically affected his playing time last year, as he only appeared at the end of the last month of the season.

Bonds is on the verge of breaking Babe Ruth's home record of 714, put-

ting him behind only Hank Aaron on the all-time home runs list.

OLYMPICS - In the women's figure skating short program on Tuesday night the American's were represented by Sasha Cohen, Emily Hughes, and Kimmie Meissner. Cohen, the final skater of the evening, watched as Hughes and Meissner both posted career scoring highs and Russia's Slutskaya dazzled the crowd with a nearly flawless performance. Cohen however did not disappoint the large number of Americans in the crowd, as she was equally as impressive as Slutskaya on her way to the top of the leader board with a slim .03 advantage over Slutskaya. Meissner and Hughes are in fifth and seventh, respectively. Hughes the younger sister of 2002 Olympic Champion Sarah Hughes was a last second replacement for the injured Michelle Kwan who withdrew last week. Hughes, who lacks International experience, played the part of an experience veteran. Cohen is looking to prove she has matured past her past history of collapsing under pressure as she has routinely failed to win the big competitions, finishing second for three years in a row behind Michelle Kwan in the U.S. Championships and second twice in the World Championships. The competition concludes with the Long program on Thursday night.

Taylor smashes hurdle record

Daniel Kremer Voice Staff Writer

◆ *Wooster's Dierre Taylor had a record-setting day Saturday afternoon as he shattered the 55 meter hurdle record. The record was previously held by Eric Rogers who set the record in 1992. The mark was the first below the eight second mark in school history and also is just a mere tenth of a second away from the provisional qualifying time for the NCAA Div. III Indoor Championships.*

Although they did not put together their strongest performances, Wooster's men's and women's indoor track teams came home from the Greater Cleveland Championship meet at Baldwin Wallace College last Friday with several impressive individual performances. The men finished eighth out of a strong nine-team field that included Baldwin Wallace and John Carroll. The women fared the same as the men, finishing seventh out of a strong eight-team field that included Baldwin Wallace, and Mount Union.

Of all the strong performances, none was more impressive, and few have been in the College of Wooster's indoor track history, then Dierre Taylor's '09 record-breaking run in the 55 meter hurdles.

Taylor dominated the competition and smashed a Wooster record by running the hurdles in 7.85 seconds. The run brought Taylor an easy first place victory, the only first place finish for the Scots on the day.

Taylor's performance overshadowed another very impressive finish in the 55 meter hurdles. Matt Jensen '08 crossed the finish line in 8.24 seconds for fourth place.

The hurdles were by far the men's best event, but the efforts of Rick Drushal '07 brought the men a strong showing in the shot put.

Drushal's season best toss of 45 feet, 1.75 inches landed him a fourth place finish. Another solid performance for the men came in the long jump, where Tristan Jordan '08 leapt 20 feet, 3 inches for a fifth place showing.

For the Scot women, the best performance of the day once again belonged to Jill Berner '06. Although not her best pole vault performance of the year, Berner's 10 feet, 6.75 inch vault gave her third place.

The pole vault has become a 1-2 punch for the women, as once again Ali Drushal '09 had a very strong performance to compliment Berner. Drushal finished right behind Berner in fourth place with a vault of 10 feet even.

The next highest finish in an event for the women came via the high jump and a sixth place finish. That feat belonged to Kayla Miller '09 who cleared a height of 4 feet, 10.25. Other strong performances for the women came in the 800 meters and 1000 meters. Those performances belonged to Hannah Bierlein '06 who ran the 800 meters in 2:32.07 and finished eighth. Nicole Calderone '08 ran the 1000 meters in 3:18.53 and finished eighth as well.

Hopes remain high for both the men's and women's teams. As long as



Emily Rackley in action (Photo courtesy of OPI).

these young standouts continue to improve Wooster track will have a lot to look forward to in the future. With that being said, the teams are looking forward to a strong meet at the Oberlin Invitational held at Oberlin College on February 24.

NCAC Tournament

Quarterfinal Results

Wooster 96, Kenyon 44

Wittenberg 83, Denison 61

Ohio Wesleyan 106, Allegheny 67

Earlham 78, Wabash 69

Friday: Semifinals

at Timken Gymnasium (Wooster)

#3 Ohio Wesleyan vs. #2 Wittenberg 5:30 p.m.

#5 Earlham at #1 Wooster 7:45 p.m.

Saturday: Championship

Semifinal Winners 7 p.m.

Quote of the Week

"I talked to Manny like a week ago and he said he was going to Italy tomorrow . . . He seems happy. I read in the news that he wants to stay in Boston. Something like that, right? Sounds good to me. Having my man around once again. Hopefully, things never change."

— David Ortiz, discussing his teammate and friend Manny Ramirez who's trade demands were widely publicized over the winter. He has received permission from the Red Sox to arrive at Spring Training on March 1, over a week after the rest of the team.

Scots ready for spring and NCAC success

Nick Holt
Voice Staff Writer

If you can't tell by the lovely freezing weather, it's time for women's tennis to kick off their season next week with a home match against Ashland on the 1st. The Scots are coming off their first season after the Hayden Shilling era in which new head coach Lori Shulman led them to a respectable 8-13 record.

Despite graduating three players from last year's squad, the Scots will be counting on their experience to pave the way for success this season. Their small team is packed with upperclassmen with four seniors, two juniors, and a sophomore. Even their new players this year have experience, Ashley Merydith '06 returns to the team following a two-year absence.

The team looks solid at the top with Joanna Tysko '07 expected to return at first singles, where she had held her the past two seasons (18-18, 7-6 NCAC). Coach Shulman spoke very highly of Tysko. "She has made tremendous strides since last year, especially regarding the mental aspect of the game," said Shulman. "It is a tall request to play the number one singles spot in such a competitive conference such as the NCAC and I have high hopes for Joanna to surprise some people this year."

Allison Dupuis '08 is expected to



Joanna Tysko '07 and the women's tennis team look to improve from disappointing finish last season (Photo courtesy of OPI).

take over the second singles spot after seeing some success at third, fourth, fifth, and sixth singles last season.

Meanwhile, Alison Inderfurth '06 will likely start at the three spot after posting a 5-13 record (2-5 NCAC) last season in four spot.

The fourth spot should go to Merydith while Emily Alward '06 is expected to make the move to the

fifth spot after she posted a team-best 9-2 record there last season.

Both Melissa Levenger '06 and newcomer Kimberlee Rankin '07 should see time at the sixth spot with Levenger having the advantage of experience after posting a 3-0 record last season.

One of the team's strengths this season should be their doubles play. Tysko and Dupuis will likely team up

at first doubles. Dupuis will be the third partner Tysko has had in her three years. Dupuis is not new to having to play with different people herself after competing in doubles with four different players last season.

Alward and Inderfurth are likely to team up at second doubles after they posted a 9-10 record together last year, primarily from the third doubles spot. Watch out for Merydith as a wildcard in this spot though, as she's an exceptional doubles player. In her freshman season, she was excellent in doubles, posting a 7-9 record including 2-2 in first doubles and 4-1 in conference.

When speaking of Merydith, Shulman said, "She has a very strong serve, strong net game and loves the game of doubles." Dupuis also added, "whomever she is teamed up with will be hard to beat."

Merydith could also see time at third singles where Levenger and Rankin are expected to be partners. Levenger has seen very little time in the doubles over her career posting an 0-3 record.

While it's unlikely for the Scots to dominate the NCAC this year, especially with strong Denison and Kenyon teams, they should be competitive and will look to improve on last year's record. Tysko summarized the team's goals this year saying, "We really want to hit .500 this year. We had somewhat of a rough year last year, but we are hoping to have a better year this year."

SPORTS BOXERS

THE SKINNY

You probably noticed that my Boxers weren't in the last *Voice* issue. Maybe I'm being a little cocky here, but I was under the impression that a lot of people read the paper simply to see the Sports Boxers. Am I wrong? Anyway, I was upset, because I usually only read my own column, so I had no reason to even pick up a copy of the last issue. And isn't it funny that the week they take my column out is the week that they have a printing error and they can't put out the paper on time? I think so. Maybe it was God's way of saying, "Don't @#\$% with Nick's ^#~@!" What I need you to do is write to the paper if you feel the same way I do, and let them know that you need your Sports Boxers, each and every week!



nickcross

In sports news, Nate Robinson, 5'7", dunked over Spud Webb and won the Dunk Contest. Don't get me wrong, that's impressive, but Andre Iguodala caught an alley-oop OFF THE BACK OF THE BACKBOARD! That should have won him the contest immediately. Whatever. I don't want to talk about it anymore. It's giving me a headache.

What I really want to get into this week, though, is our training room here at school. Most of the athletes on campus know all the trainers in there — Jay (the burly fella), Tom (I don't wanna say anything even close to insulting because I'm afraid of what he'll do to me), and Lisa (the nice one). Anyways, I went in there earlier this week and was victim to some of the most incessant verbal harassment that has ever taken place on this campus. I went in to have my body fat percentage calculated by Jay, and before we even got started, he calls me fat. Ironic, huh? So, he tells me I have to take off my shirt to get the measurements done. I got nervous at first, because there were several ladies, including Lisa, in the room at the time, and being the humble guy that I am, I didn't really feel comfortable showing off the goods in their presence. As soon as I get my shirt off, Jay says he forgot something in the other room, leaving me there, topless and self-conscious.

I thought I would try to make a little fun out of the situation, so I stuck out my stomach like I was preggo (pregnant), hoping to ease Jay's jealousy of my ripped, chiseled abs. Instead, I got a heavy hand across my tummy — SLAP. Then, as he's taking the measurements, he keeps pinching me all over. He said that he needed to do that to get accurate readings, but I think we all know that he just wanted to be able to say, "Hey, you know that really cool, super attractive, great-smelling, eloquent columnist/legendary lacrosse player Nick Cross? Yeah, I've touched pretty much every area on his upper body, skin to skin (with a really excited face). It was everything I've ever dreamed it would be, plus a little bit more." So, after Jay got his Nick fix, he told me that I have a body fat percentage of 18%, which is apparently average. I challenge his techniques, because anyone who has ever had any kind of interactions with me knows that I am far from average. I'm not saying which end of the spectrum I fall on, but we all know it's not "average."

Before I go on with Tom's mistreatment of me, I would just like to say that Lisa, the only one who is nice to me, was her usual lovely self, as she did not take jabs at me the entire time. Thank you, Lisa. You're the best. Now... as if all that was not enough, then Tommy started making fun of my hair. Making fun of MY hair?!?! Is he crazy? This might be the most beautiful head of hair to ever grace the training room with its presence. He said that I don't look enough like an adult with this hair to become a professional. I think he's out of his mind, but hey, to each his own, I suppose.

On that note, I would like to ask my fans out there to voice your opinions of my hair. Should I leave it as is, and be remembered in the way that I always have been here at Wooster, or should I cut it and become a new person? I, personally, would go with option A, but it's up to you. Feel free to write letters to the editor in order to make your voices heard, and also to make the editors' lives busier, since they'll have a lot more to read and edit.

By Nick "18.3% fat, 81.7% lean muscle" Cross.

Big Red doom Scots



Jenny Copeland '08 wrestles with a Denison player for the ball, but the Big Red prevailed (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

Johann Weber
Voice Staff Writer

The women's basketball team season came to an unfortunate end with a 51-64 loss to Denison in the first round of the NCAC conference tournament on Tuesday night, giving the team a final record of 7-19, 4-12 conference.

Denison is seeded third in the conference and is the defending NCAC champion. The Big Red held the lead by double digits the entire second period. The Scots fought hard, but Denison's 36-20 first period lead was too great to overcome.

The Scots entered the tournament fresh off losses at Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg. OWU defeated Wooster 84-55 on Feb. 15th, Wittenberg defeating the Scots 59-46 on February 18th.

The games against OWU went well in the first half, and then they came out of the locker room on fire, and it's difficult to play with a team that is shooting 68 percent from behind the arc. So, we just weren't hitting like they were, everyone has on nights and off nights, OWU had a very on night/second half. The Wittenberg game was good, we got out rebounded a little but we never gave up, we always play them pretty tough down in their gym," said Vicki Meyer '06.

Meyer's final performance at Timken gymnasium, against OWU, was marked by six points and three assists.

Carly Loehrke '07 had strong performances against OWU and Wittenberg, scoring 14 and 10 points respectively, after scoring only four points in their game against Lake Erie College. Maria Gonzalez '07 and Jessica Hope '08 followed Loehrke closely in points against Wittenberg, adding a lot of depth to the Scots 2005-06 roster.

The women came into the NCAC tournament rearing to win, taking a quick lead against Denison. However, the Big Red responded to their 4-2 lead with a 12-2 run, which combined with a 15-4 run in the end of the first half to hold out the Scots. Loehrke and Meredith Wilson '09 led the women in scoring honors with ten points each, with strong performances also by Sarah Merkel '09, Meyer, and Kassandra Dobson '07.

The women played a tough season, fighting against an eleven game losing streak, injured players, and a younger roster. While they lose talented players in Meyer and Natalie Barone '06, they will hopefully pick up talented newcomers for the 2006-07 season. With four freshman and six sophomores this season, the team has strong hopes for Wooster women's basketball.

NCAC looks to crack down on fan behavior

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The Summit also discussed the growing trend of bad fan behavior during basketball games. "Basketball is a well attended venue," Beckett said, "and therefore there is more opportunity for bad fan behavior."

"The new fashion is for a group of student fans to plant themselves near the playing floor, blocking walkways and standing the entire game," said Larry Schneider, Denison's Director of Athletics.

"Thus, this year the NCAC has banned seating in the front row of all venues," said Holmes.

Beckett said there is a particular concern with fans rushing the floor after basketball games. There are several risks in allowing students to rush the floor. Beckett said it increases the chance of injury to anyone, unnecessary or necessary damage to property and also jeopardizes the safety of the officials. With Wooster hosting the Men's Basketball NCAC Tournament this weekend, Beckett

The NCAC is implementing the reading of the following statement at all NCAC sporting events:

"As NCAA Division III student-athletes and coaches we commit to sportsmanship and ethical conduct by demonstrating fair play, responsibility and respect. We invite you to support this effort by showing respect to our team, the opponents, all fans, coaches, referees and coaches before, during, and after the contest."

said because of safety concerns, "we will prevent floor rushing this week."

Holmes admits that vulgar chants and overall bad behavior can happen

in such competitive environments. "We don't need to be like storm troopers and jump on every little thing that people say," he said. The new NCAC regulations are meant to ensure safety and good conduct, not to suppress fan enjoyment and participation.

"I'm very optimistic that we're going to have a great contest," said Beckett about this weekend. To promote good behavior

Wooster will begin reading a sportsmanship and ethical conduct statement prior to athletic competitions. "We are trying to encourage good sportsmanship from all as this weekend's tournament approaches," said Jonathan Hartschuh, acting president of the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA has sent a formal reply to Wittenberg's Student Senate, saying, "We hope that fans from both Wooster and Wittenberg can enjoy the rivalry while maintaining the integrity of the sport."

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